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Department of Corrections Central Office Receives Perfect Audit Score

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 20, 2016) – The Kentucky Department of Corrections (DOC) central office received a perfect score last week on its re-accreditation audit from the American Correctional Association (ACA).

The ACA is the oldest and largest international correctional association in the world and is responsible for the goal development of national correctional policies and resolution of significant issues in corrections.

In announcing the score, ACA Audit Chairman Robert Murphy from Massachusetts said “this is a very well-run agency, and staff are knowledgeable and professional. Since 2001, I have conducted dozens of audits, and I can count on one hand the number of times I have issued a 100 percent finding. Your agency has a lot to be proud of. You walk it, you work it, you live it, and you get along. Those things are not always common in our profession.”

ACA auditors interviewed numerous staff and closely scrutinized hundreds of documents. Following the audit, they praised the central office operation and all the staff.

Department of Corrections Commissioner Rodney Ballard also congratulated the Central Office employees. “I’m extremely pleased with this perfect audit score, and I know it is a result of a tremendous amount of hard work by staff. This score reflects their commitment to excellence.”

The central office audit is a multi-faceted examination of every aspect within the department. It consists of 144 performance-based standards that cover safety, security, expectations of inmates’ behavior and systems accountability to promote efficient operations, inmate programs and treatment, administration and management. The audit process requires constant monitoring and quality control checks. The division will be audited by ACA every three years and undergo an inter-departmental audit every year.

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